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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOVIETS RESHAPE MILITARY RESTRICTED AREAS IN
EAST GERMANY IN NAME OF GOOD WILL

1. SOVIET HAVE PROVIDED USMILITARY LIAISON MISSION WITH
NEW MAP SHOWING CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED AREAS
(PRA) IN GDR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15. AS REPORTED BY USMLM
THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, CHANGES WERE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 30
AS RESULTING FROM REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY GSFB IN "SPIRIT
OF GOOD WILL AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING"; SOVIETS
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "IN INTERESTS OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT
OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS" (BETWEEN GSFG AND
USAREUR), US WOULD TAKE CORRESPONDING MEASURES TO REVIEW
AND REDUCE PRA'S IN FRG. SIMILAR PRESENTATIONS WERE
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MADE TO BRITISH AND FRENCH MLM'S.

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2. PREMILINARY ANALYSIS HERE INDICATES THAT, WHILE SOVIETS ARE CORRECT IN BILLING CHANGES AS OVER-ALL REDUCTION IN AREA OFF LIMITS TO ALLIED MLM'S, THERE IS A NET LOSS FROM INTELLIGENCE STANDPOINT. MANY NEWLY-OPENED AREAS APPEAR TO CONTAIN MOSTLY FARMLAND OF NO INTELLIGENCE VALUE.

3. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF GROUND-FORCES TARGETS, SEVERAL TRAINING AREAS WHICH HAD BEEN PRODUCTIVE SOURCES ARE NOW DENIED. VALUE OF THOSE NEWLY-OPENED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO WHICH THERE HAD BEEN NO PREVIOUS ACCESS IS YET TO BE DETERMINED. AS FOR AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES, RESTRICTED AREAS AROUND SEVERAL AIR FIELDS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED, MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GAIN INFORMATION ON AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS, WHILE SEVERAL RADAR SITES OF LESS INTELLIGENCE VALUE HAVE NOW BEEN MADE ACCESSIBLE.

4. NEW AMP ALSO ENLARGES SLIGHTLY ON OF PRA'S INSIDE EAST BERLIN. MLM'S DO NOT, HOWEVER, OPERATE IN BERLIN, AND DAILY PATROLS OPERATED IN EAST BERLIN BY USCOB IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF FREE MOVEMENT WITHING GREATER BERLIN HAVE IN PST DISREGARDED "CLOSED TO MLM" SIGNS WITHOUT HINDRANCE.

5. FINAL JUDGMENT ON EXTENT TO WHICH SOVIETS DESERVE CREDIT FOR "GOOD WILL" OR FOR A MOVE IN DIRECTION OF OPENNESS MUST AWAIT FULLER ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN PRA'S.

6. USCOB CONCURS.SELIGMANN

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